

## **ATTACHMENT C**

Clean Replacement/New Claims

Following herewith is a clean copy of each claim which replaces each previous claim having the same number; and each new claim.

1. (Amended) A process for producing a fluoroalkylcarboxylic acid of the formula RfCOOH wherein Rf is a  $C_{1-16}$  fluoroalkyl group, which comprises oxidizing a fluoroalkyl alcohol of the formula RfCH<sub>2</sub>OH wherein Rf is as defined above using nitric acid and feeding oxygen into the reaction system during the oxidation reaction to reduce the required amount of nitric acid to a stoichiometric amount or less relative to the fluoroalkyl alcohol .

5. Canceled.

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